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## Baucus Hires Brian Pomper as Chief International Trade Counsel for Senate Finance Committee

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Senator Max Baucus today announced that he has hired Brian Pomper to fill the position of Chief International Trade Counsel for the Democratic staff of the Senate Finance Committee. Pomper has been working as Trade Counsel for the Committee since 2003.

"Brian brings with him a great deal of expertise on international trade issues," said Baucus. "In particular, he has broad experience on key issues like Asia, offshoring, and intellectual property, which are going to be priorities of mine this year."

"Just as important, Brian understands Montana," said Baucus. "He worked in Billings, Montana, prior to coming to Washington, and has spent a lot of time in the state since joining my staff."

Prior to joining the Finance Committee, Pomper worked for six years at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Washington, DC, where he focused on international trade, litigation, and intellectual property matters. He also served as a law clerk for the Hon. Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Billings, Montana. Brian has a law degree from Cornell Law School and a B.S. in mechanical engineering from MIT.

Pomper replaces Timothy Punke, who is leaving the Hill to join the law firm of Preston Gates Ellis, where he will be working out of both the Washington, DC and Seattle offices.

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